

AGENT
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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two months, the present paper is timely filed on or before November 9, 2003. By the present paper, claims 1 to 20 are cancelled and claims 21, 24, and 26 are amended. Accordingly, claims 21 to 26 are in the Application.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the recitation in the Office Action that claims 21 - 26 contain allowable subject matter and, except for formalities recited in the Office Action, that the Application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments comply with all formal requirements imposed in the Office Action. Entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the objections, and timely allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Applicants herewith submit a certified copy of the priority document: Italian Application MI2000 A 000902.

Amendments to the Title

The title is amended as required by the Office Action to render it even more descriptive of the invention disclosed and claimed.

Amendments to the Abstract

The abstract is amended as required by the Office Action.

Amendments to the Specification and the Substitute Specification

The substitute specification, attached at Tab A, is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 as required by the Office Action. A marked-up version of the substitute specification showing the changes made is attached at Tab B.

Among other things, the specification is amended at page 18, paragraph 062, to recite 0.05 seconds as an example of a few hundredths of a second. Applicants respectfully submit that support for the amendment can be found in the claims as filed.

The specification is also amended to recite that Freon® is a fluorocarbon or fluorochlorcarbon, as is known in the art.

All other amendments are to correct errors in spelling, grammar, and idiomatic usage.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter into the Application.

The Claim Amendments:

Claim 21 is amended as required by the Office Action to make the formula of the "second olefin" consistent with the formula in the specification. Applicants respectfully point-out that labeling of the doubly-bonded carbon atoms in the formula of second olefin is purely for convenience and ease of visualization of the direction of the addition reaction and, in any event, is redundant because the doubly-bonded carbon atoms can be differentiated by the substituents they bear (R_5 , R_6 or R_7 , R_8).

Claim 24 is amended to make it consistent with the claims from which it depends.

Claim 26 is amended as required by the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter into the application.

Objections to the Specification

The specification was object to as allegedly not in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that specific alleged deficiencies pointed-out in the Office Action have been addressed by the present amendments and that Applicants have made good faith efforts to correct such grammatical and usage errors as may have been present in specification as filed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections should be withdrawn.

The Priority Document

A certified ("ribbon") copy of the priority document, Italian application MI2000 A 000902 is attached at Tab D. A copy of the official translation of the priority document is attached at Tab E.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments and substitute papers overcome the objections in the Office Action and that the Application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicants further respectfully submit that the priority claim has been properly perfected.

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time to reply of ~~THREE~~ MONTHS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The fee of \$~~950~~ 00 due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) therefor is paid herewith.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 in the amount of \$~~830~~ 00 for the amounts due herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) [~~\$950~~] and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) [\$180]. Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fees are due with this paper. If additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 for such additional fees.

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